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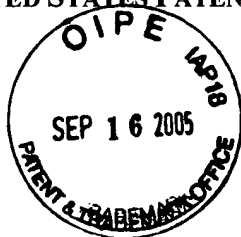
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir,

In reply to the office action of June 14, 2005, it is respectfully requested the following remarks and amendments¹ be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above mentioned application:

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

¹ The Claim Amendments as set forth in Appendix I of this paper.